

I am writing to complain about WLOS 13, the ABC affiliate in Asheville, North Carolina. I was a resident of Asheville for two years, and on WLOS' morning show, there was a weekly taped segment from a Sinclair Broadcasting executive where he pushed the latest Republican talking points and sometimes smeared Democratic leaders. Neither the station nor the broadcaster made any attempt to apply equal time with which to contrast this viewpoint. These are public airwaves; if Sinclair wishes to engage sleepy people in a political discussion, it must represent both sides. I have read that the 'Fairness Doctrine', where news broadcasters could be sanctioned for not presenting at least two sides, was done away with in the Reagan era. I think this is a failing, and I think that WLOS should be sanctioned for using the public airwaves to stifle public discussion.